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BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION BY THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING FOR AN ORDER: (1) CONFIRMING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE SMALL MINING OPERATIONS S/027/0111; (2) TO FORFEIT THE CERTIFICATE OF **DEPOSIT NO 3887 FROM NEVADA** STATE BANK, TO DIRECT THE DIVISION TO COMPLETE RECLAMATION; (3) TO INITIATE A CIVIL SUIT AGAINST NEVADA STATE BANK AND ALAN NEWMAN TO RECOVER COSTS OF RECLAMATION; AND (4) TO TAKE ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO RECLAIM THE LANDS AT N1/2 of NE1/4 of SW1/4, S31, T19S, R18W SLB&M Millard County, Utah

# SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE OF ALAN NEWMAN

DOCKET NO.: 2012-022 CASE NO.: S/027/0111

#### ADDITIONAL RELIEF SOUGHT

In addition to the relief previously sought, respondent requests the Board to order the Division to return the entire proceeds of the \$12,000 bond to the party entitled to it.

## STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL FACTS

- 1. Respondent has been advised by the Division that the Division has already received the \$12,000.00 bond amount.
- 2. Respondent has been advised by Jerry Mansfield, BLM geologist for the Fillmore office, that no stipulations were attached to the subject Contract for Sale of Mineral Materials. He states the box for attached stipulations was checked in error. The contract has no reclamation requirements.

## ADDITIONAL REASONS FOR GRANTING RELIEF

The Division has already received the \$12,000 bond amount and respondent has been discharged through bankruptcy from liability under his contracts. The Division has no grounds for suing the respondent. However, the Division also has no grounds for keeping any part of the \$12,000.

Respondent is not required to perform reclamation work under the terms of his contract with the BLM for purchase of mineral materials under the federal Materials Act. The regulations at 43 CFR Group 3600 indicate the applicable reclamation standards are the ones stated in the contract:

- § 3602.14. What kind of financial security does BLM require?
- (a) For contracts of \$2,000 or more, BLM will require a performance bond of an amount sufficient to meet the reclamation standards provided for in the contract, but at least \$500. If you have a sales contract from a community pit or common use area and you pay a reclamation fee, BLM will not require you to post a performance bond. [emphasis added]

The mineral materials were removed from federal land under the Materials Act, 30 USC 601 - 604 and the regulations at 43 CFR, Group 3600. Neither the State, the Division, nor the Board has jurisdiction to impose additional requirements or regulation. This is in addition to lacking jurisdiction under Utah Code Ann. 40-8-1 et seq.

The Small Mine Reclamation Contract and the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations are ultra vires, void, and unenforceable, including their requirement of a bond. Further, respondent has been discharged in bankruptcy from liability under these agreements if they were valid. The Board should so find and direct the Division to return the bond proceeds, in full, to the parties entitled to receive them.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2012.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the forgoing **SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE OF ALAN NEWMAN**, to be personally served or mailed first class mail, postage prepaid, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012, to:

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